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FROM STORYTELLER TO FACILITATOR: A PERSONAL JOURNEY

WITH

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Dr. Manuela Ferrari is Post-Doctoral Fellow at School of Health Policy and Management, York University. Manuela received her doctoral degree in Health and Behavioral Sciences at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. The title of her dissertation is: *Beyond Obesity and Disordered Eating in Youth (BODY)* - a qualitative project that sheds light on the different meanings that individuals attribute

to the spectrum of weight-related problems. She then completed a two years Post-Doctoral Fellowship within the Health Systems & Health Equity Research Group, at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). As Social Aetiology of Mental Illness (SAMI) and Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR) Fellow, at the CAMH, she focused on implementing and evaluating a knowledge-exchange project based on digital storytelling: *Re-Tracing the African, Caribbean, and European (ACE) Pathways to Care in First-Episode Psychosis Project*. Academically, Manuela is interested in understanding the relationship between gender, culture, and mental health as well as in art-based research/approaches. Manuela's desire is to *shape* the theories and activities of learning in the health professions, transforming their meaning by using arts-based learning (e.g., digital-stories, digital-vignettes) and other digital technology (e.g., video, media, internet-based applications) in teaching health-related content. Manuela focuses on research questions related to arts-based learning as a burgeoning method in various fields (e.g., health sciences and medicine) and its potential in shaping identity development, client-provider relationships, clinical practices, and, broadly, health education scholarship.